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X *The Fulbright memorandum* came as a shock to the general public, but not to the officer corps. Operation Muzzle is a long-term campaign. It began at least two years ago, and President Kennedy is only speeding up what was initiated under his predecessor. (Remember the ominous phrases about military-industrial forces that someone inserted in Ike's farewell address?) One significant sign was a shift in programming by the four top echelon war colleges (National, Army, Navy, Air). Since the war their lecturers have included a certain number of qualified civilians along with the regular staff plus military and government officials. Among the civilians were several informed, hard anti-Communists whose appearances have been vigorously approved by the officer-students, much of the faculties and the commanding officers. One after another, on orders from on high, the invitations to these anti-Communist lecturers have been discontinued, until the speaking diet has been reduced to an almost monochromatic bland Fulbrightian pap. The process is now being carried a phase further. As witness: A few weeks ago the Air War College flew a VIP plane up from its headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, to Rochester, N.Y., to fetch as visiting lecturer Vera Micheles Dean, for so many years a voice of pro-Soviet apology from her key spot in the Foreign Policy Association, who has never ceased speaking with the gentlest of tones about the doings and misdoings of her homeland—she having been born in Petrograd, as it then was, in 1903. QUINCY